

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application. Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter and, for the following reasons, respectfully submits that this case is in condition for allowance.

The only remaining issue regarding the claims pending based on the cancellation of claims above is the objection to the drawings and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, regarding the language in claim 1 requiring that “the drive sheave having an outside dimension...that is less than or equal to the support column dimension in the direction.” Applicant respectfully submits that such a dimensional relationship is shown in Figure 1 as originally filed. Applicant reproduces an annotated version of Figure 1 below. As indicated by the additional dimension lines, the pertinent dimension of the drive sheave 44 is shown as a sheave dimension SD. The pertinent dimension of the support columns 24 and 26 is shown as a support column dimension SCD. As is apparent from the annotated version of Figure 1, SD is less than or equal to SCD.

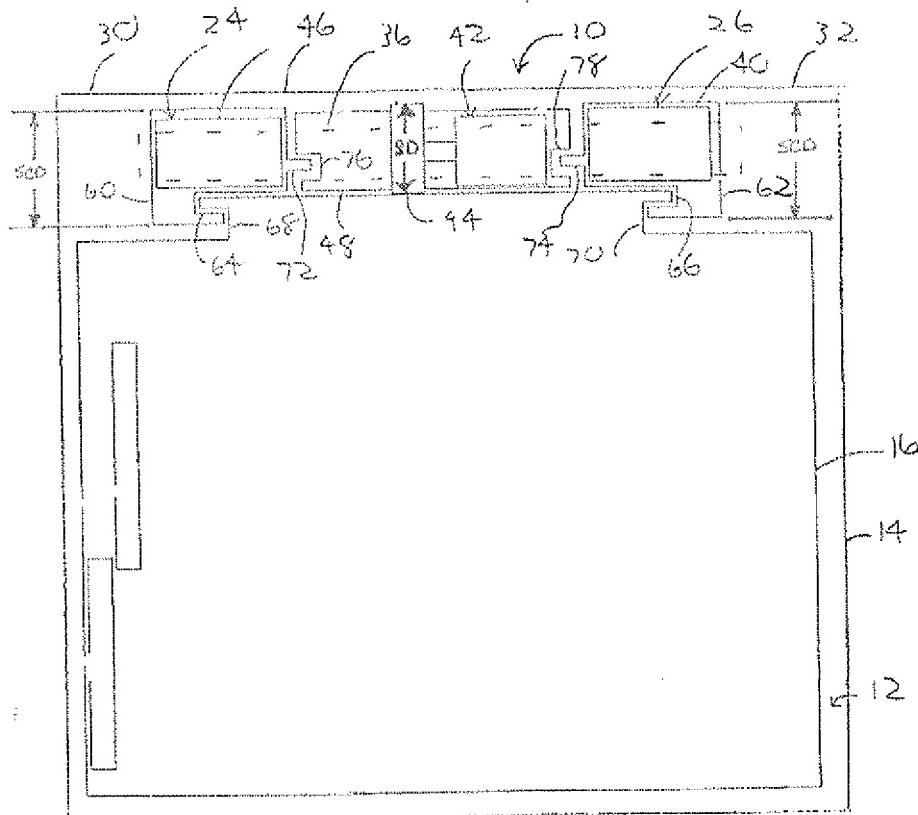


FIG. 1

There is support in the specification for considering the dimension SCD as indicated above. For example, page 4, lines 11-14, indicate that the guide members 60 and 62 may be formed integrally with the support columns 24 and 26. Therefore, the dimension SCD is a dimension of the support column in the example of Figure 1 for such an embodiment.

Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 1 as originally filed and the specification as originally filed provide adequate support for the language in claim 1 that is the subject of the drawing objection and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Applicant has included an amended paragraph [0025] by way of the amendment above to include language consistent with the claim language within the specification. No new matter is entered because that additional language in

that paragraph merely puts into words that which is already apparent from the drawings as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully submits that the objection to the drawings can be withdrawn and that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 can be withdrawn. Applicant believes that this case is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any issues remain that would prevent the Examiner from allowing this case, Applicant's representative will be happy to discuss any such issues and can be reached at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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